



## **ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**August 20, 2014**

**9:00 AM**

**1700 West Washington Street**

**Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families Conference Room**

**Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

A meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council's Victim Services Committee was convened on August 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families Conference Room, 1700 West Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Committee.

### **Victim Services Committee Members Present**

Sheila Polk (Chairperson)  
Margery Ault

Carolyn Jones  
Brian Steele

### **Guests**

Lynda Hartzler  
Virginia Mohammed

Katie Resendiz

### **Staff Present**

Leah Meyers

John Raeder

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

### **B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Brian Steele moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2014 meeting as drafted by staff. Ms. Margery Ault seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE TIMELINE**

The committee members discussed their responses sent via email in response to the question from the July meeting. From that discussion the committee came up with the following potential activities and actions.

Potential Activities:

1. Funding for the Polaris hotline (to support the Arizona function and data support)
2. Statewide Victim Services Coordinator (s)

- a. Funding for this position
  - b. Create a revenue stream for victim services and this position
- 3. Branding (hotline number, Council tag, etc.) – knowing this may be work the Outreach and Public Awareness Committee is working on
- 4. Tax Credit for donors (like school tax credit) to human trafficking service providers
- 5. Create a system to expunge victims' criminal records
- 6. Promote January as Human Trafficking awareness month
  - a. Proclamation from the Governor
  - b. Weekly events held in January
- 7. Ameliorate the state to state process and agreements for serving youth
  - a. Victim services
  - b. Criminal Justice
  - c. Child welfare

Possible Committee Actions:

- 1. Best Practices
  - a. Model for multiple disciplinary response teams
  - b. Programming for victims service providers
- 2. Support Mentoring Models
  - a. Build Capacity and awareness
  - b. Return on Investment studies – long term state service need (e.g. Mentor.org)
- 3. Identify Population Needs (survivor group)
- 4. Expand Volunteers
  - a. State bar
  - b. Medical board
- 5. Build Awareness of Hotline
  - a. Awareness – Community – Accesses of Services
  - b. More information regarding Nevada posting hotline in public locations (airport & public transit)
  - c. Branding
- 6. Build Awareness of the Hotline Protocols
  - a. Recommend training – points of entry
    - i. Identification of victims
    - ii. Referral to hotline
    - iii. Branding
- 7. Assistance in working on regional protocols post referral from the hotline (how the 13 regions then respond from the hotline handoff)
- 8. Look for opportunities to maximize behavior health and other funding
- 9. Best Practices by Other States
- 10. Polling from AZ Providers for Best Practices

**D. NEXT STEPS DISCUSSION**

Members discussed possible next steps on the committee actions and making a more organized plan for the Committee to move forward.

**E. COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Ms. Meyers stated she will create the report for the September 10, 2014 Council meeting.

**F. NEXT MEETING**

A meeting will be scheduled after the next Council meeting.

**G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No public comment.

**H. ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.